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SUBJECT: VIEWS ON ANDREOTTI GOVERNMENTS LIFE SPAN

1. OVER THE LAST THREE DAYS, I HAVE HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH TRANSPORT MINISTER RUUFINI (DC), FORMER PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER LAURICELLA OF THE PSI AND ON. CALOGERO PUMILIA, A DEPUTY DC (FOR ZENUOVE) FLOOR LEADER IN THE CHAMBER. ALL OF THEM BELIEVED THE DAYS OF THE ANDREOTTI GOVERNMENT WERE NUMBERED.

2. LAURICELLA AND PUMILIA THOUGHT ANDREOTTI MIGHT SUCCEED HIMSELF; BUT BOTH THOUGHT THAT MORO, AS THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT WITH THE WIDEST SUPPORT IN HIS OWN PARTY, MIGHT BE MORE CREDIBLE AND EFFECTIVE CHOICE. BOTH LAURICELLA AND PUMILIA BELIEVED NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD BE BASED ON PRIOR AGREEMENT ABOUT PROGRAM ESSENTIALS AMONG DC, PCI AND OTHER "CONSTITUTIONAL ARC PARTIES". PCI AND SOCIALISTS WOULD THUS VOTE WITH GOVERNMENT ON MAIN FEATURES OF PROGRAM RATHER THAN ABSTAIN AS THEY DO NOW. LAURICELLA THOUGHT NEXT GOVERNMENT MIGHT INCLUDE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS. PUMILIA SAW ALLIANCE BETWEEN DC AND PSDI ONLY. BOTH RULED OUT PARTICIPATION BY SOCIALISTS AT THIS STAGE. LAURICELLA ADDED PSI UNABLE RESUME GOVERNMENT ROLE UNTIL GREATER PARTY

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UNITY AND CREDIBILITY WITH ELECTORATE RESTORED.

3. PUMILIA RECOGNIZED PROSPECTIVE AGREEMENT ON PROGRAM REPRESENTED NEW LINK IN DC-PCI RELATIONS, BUT INSISTED THAT GRASS ROOTS OPINION IN BOTH PARTIES WOULD NOT PERMIT ADDITIONAL TIES WITHOUT FIRST GETTING THEM IN PARTY CONGRESSES AND SEEKING MANDATE IN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

4. LAURICELLA AND PUMILIA BOTH STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF PROSPECTIVE

EUROPEAN ELECTIONS WITH FORMER SUGGESTING ANDREOTTI HIMSELF
MIGHT BE CANDIDATE. LAURICELLA BELIEVED EUROPEAN ELECTIONS AND
OTHER INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS WOULD FORCE PCI MAKE NEEDED,
HARD CHOICES ON CRUCIAL ISSUES SUCH AS PARTYS ALLEGIANCE TO WEST
AND NATO, PLURALISM, INTERNAL DEMOCRACY, ETC. END. COLLINS

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